

**CHAPTER NO. 801**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2914**

**By Representatives Scroggs, Newton, Hargrove, Langster, Black, Godsey, Ford, Sharp, McDaniel, Todd, Bunch, Hagood, Hargett, Walker, David Davis, Wood, Buttry, Hassell, Beavers, Baird, Stulce, Sargent, Bittle, Boyer, Brenda Turner, Dunn, Maddox, Fitzhugh, Roach, McKee**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2517**

**By Senators Herron, Burks, Blackburn, Williams, Kurita**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, relative to law enforcement providing information to victims of crime.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 38, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

40-38-\_\_\_\_. Law enforcement agencies shall provide notice to any victim of crime of the following information:

(1) The victim's rights under Article 1, Sec. 35 of the Tennessee Constitution, to be free from intimidation, harassment and abuse throughout the criminal justice system;

(2) The availability, if any, of crisis intervention services and emergency and medical services;

(3) The name of the law enforcement agency and telephone number;

(4) In cases of domestic violence, the procedures and resources available for protection of the victim;

(5) The names and telephone numbers of public and private victim assistance programs, including the state criminal injuries compensation program and programs that provide counseling, treatment and other support services; and

(6) The procedural steps involved in a criminal prosecution.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 15, 2000

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2000

  
DON CONQUIST, GOVERNOR